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Kennedy Sounded Out Nixon on GOP Places in Cabinet

PALM BEACH, Fla., Nov. 18 (UPI)—President-elect John F. Kennedy, explored with Vice President Richard M. Nixon the possible appointment of at least two Republicans to cabinet-level jobs next year, it was learned today.

The discussion of possible inclusion of top Republicans in the new administration took place yesterday when Sen. Kennedy flew to Miami to talk with Mr. Nixon at the Vice President's vacation headquarters on Key Biscayne.

Sen. Kennedy, according to Republican sources, did not ask Mr. Nixon's approval of his plan. The President-elect also did not suggest that Mr. Nixon take a post in the new administration.

These sources, however, said Sen. Kennedy did discuss specific names with Mr. Nixon and specific jobs, without the Vice President agreeing to support the plan.

Meantime, Gov. Abraham Ribicoff of Connecticut was on hand for consultation with Sen. Kennedy today.

Gov. Ribicoff was one of Sen. Kennedy's chief campaign advisers and has been mentioned prominently as a good bet for attorney general.

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Donald M. Wilson, acting Kennedy spokesman for press secretary Pierre Salinger who has gone to Jamaica on a holiday, also said central intelligence Director Allen W. Dulles would fly to Palm Beach for a conference with the President-elect Friday.

Sen. Kennedy telephoned Mr. Dulles yesterday in Washington and asked him to come to Palm Beach to discuss what Mr. Wilson called "problems facing the United States."

Sen. Kennedy and Mr. Nixon in their meeting covered a broad range of problems involving international affairs and quite likely the two cabinet-level posts they discussed for possible occupancy by Republicans were in the line of

Nations, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization or the Organization of American States. In addition to other regional organizations, in which this country is a participant.

A Republican source said Mr. Nixon wanted to cooperate with Sen. Kennedy, but not to the point of diminishing basic GOP opposition to Democratic Party policies.

"The Vice President feels it is generally important for the Republicans to build a record of opposition, but still he does not want to jeopardize needed cooperation on foreign policy," one source said.

Sen. Kennedy also was studying a long report from Adlai E. Stevenson on probable trouble spots overseas in the relatively near future. Mr. Stevenson, the 1952 and 1956 Democratic Presidential nominee, was a foreign policy adviser to the Kennedy campaign.

There have been recurrent reports that Mr. Stevenson might be named as the chief American delegate to the United Nations, the post held by Henry Cabot Lodge before he resigned to become the GOP Vice Presidential candidate.